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Health Improvement Collaborative Named Health Care Heroes Finalist

The Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati has been selected as a finalist for the 'innovator' category in the 2010 Cincinnati Business Courier's Health Care Heroes awards competition.

It is the thirteenth year for the program, which recognizes people and organizations that have made an impact on health care in our community through their concern for patients, research, management, innovations and service. The Collaborative is among 24 finalists that will be honored at a dinner on Thursday, March 4. Winners will be named in each category that evening.

This recognition adds to a growing list of accolades for the Collaborative, including selection as one of 15 "Aligning Force for Quality" communities throughout the United States in partnership with the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The work of the Collaborative has also been recognized by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and Community Wealth Ventures.

The Collaborative's Executive Director, Greg Ebel, said, "We are honored to be among this prestigious list of finalists and to be recognized for the progressive health improvement and reform efforts going on through the Collaborative."

The Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati brings people together to address regional health care issues. On neutral ground facilitated by the Collaborative, diverse community stakeholders -- hospitals, physicians, insurers, patients, business, government and community members -- generate measurable, sustainable health improvement. Key initiatives include Cincinnati Aligning Forces for Quality and Cincinnati MD Resource Center, a program to recruit and retain an adequate physician supply for the region.

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